

## Amador Air District Board of Directors Meeting

### Summary Minutes for March 16, 2021 Meeting held at 1:30 pm

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Meeting was recorded in the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
810 Court Street, Jackson, California

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#### Determination of a Quorum

##### Present on Roll Call:

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| Pat Crew        | Amador County District 1, Supervisor         |
| Jeff Brown      | Amador County District 3, Supervisor         |
| Frank Axe*      | Amador County District 4, Supervisor (Chair) |
| Brian Oneto     | Amador County District 5, Supervisor         |
| Bob Stimpson    | City of Jackson, Councilman                  |
| Susan Bragstad* | City of Amador City, Councilman              |
| Linda Rianda    | City of Sutter Creek, Councilman             |
| Diane Wratten*  | City of Ione, Councilman                     |

\*Attended via Zoom

##### Absent on Roll Call:

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| Keith White      | City of Plymouth, Councilman         |
| Richard Forster* | Amador County District 2, Supervisor |

\*On Vacation

##### Staff/Others:

Herminia Perry, APCO  
Matt Peterson, AAD Inspector  
Bruce Smith, Amador City\*  
Paul Molinelli, Jr, ACES Waste Services  
ACES Waste Services Staff Member

NOTE: These minutes remain in *Draft* form until approved by Minute Order at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Any packets prepared by Staff are hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference as though set forth in full. Any staff report, recommended findings, mitigation measures, conditions, or recommendations which are referred to by Board members in their decisions which are contained in the staff reports are part of these minutes by reference only. Any written material, petitions, packets, or comments received at the hearing also become a part of these minutes by reference.

At 1:34 p.m. Chair Axe called the meeting to order. It was determined that there was a quorum for business.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Axe led the Board and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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| <p><b>Approval of Agenda:</b> Approval of the agenda for this date; any and all off agenda items must be approved by the Board (pursuant to §54954.2 of the Government Code).</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Motion:</b></p>   | <p>It was moved by <u>Director Oneto</u>, seconded by <u>Director Crew</u>, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda for this date. Vote 8-0</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White</p>  |
| <p><b>Public Matters Not on the Agenda:</b> Discussion items only; no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Amador Air District Board of Directors; however, any matter that requires action may be referred to staff and/or a committee for a report and recommendation for possible action at a subsequent Board meeting. <b>Please note - there is a five (5) minute limit per topic</b></p> |  |
| <p>Administrative Matters</p>   |  |
| <p><b>1.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>  | <p><b>Minutes: Review and approval of the January 19, 2021 Board Minutes:</b> Approved.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Crew, seconded by Director Stimpson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for this date. Vote 6-0</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White<br/><b>Abstained:</b> Directors Rianda and Wratten (<i>were not Board Members at the time</i>)</p>   |
| <p><b>2.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p>  | <p><b>Participation in the Carl Moyer Program Funds &amp; Resolution 21-01:</b> Action APCO Perry explained the Air Districts participation in the Rural Assistance Program (RAP), which uses Carl Moyer Program funds and is administered by the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA) on our behalf due to limited resources required to oversee the program. The current resolution (#19-09), has the Air District allocating Years 22 through 26 all to RAP. Unfortunately, the wording in the title of resolution 19-09 does not allow the APCO the flexibility to decide to take the money if a viable project becomes available each year. APCO Perry explained she revised only the title in our current resolution to allow flexibility in taking the funds. The new resolution would allow the APCO to decide on a year-to-year bases until Year 26.</p> <p>It was moved by <u>Director Stimpson</u>, seconded by <u>Director Rianda</u>, and unanimously carried to approve change in resolution title and sign resolution 21-01. Vote 8-0</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White</p> |

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| <b>3.</b> | <p><b>Public Hearing for Rule 428 Emissions Statement &amp; Resolution 21-02: Action</b></p> <p><b>Public Hearing Opened at 1:41pm:</b><br/>APCO Perry explained that the Air District has been working on the submittal of Rule 428 Emissions Statement and is ready to submit to EPA for inclusion in the State Implementation Program (SIP). Rule 428 Emission Statement implements Section 182(a)(3)(B) of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) requiring all ozone nonattainment areas to have a rule or program in place that requires emissions statements from stationary sources emitting quantities of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) or volatile organic compounds (VOC) over 25 tons per year annually. This CAA section also requires the owner or operator of each stationary source subject to this rule to report and certify the accuracy of their reported NOx and VOC emissions and/or data.</p> <p>There are three sources that are affected by this rule. All three sources have been notified and AAD Staff have met with each source to explain this rule and what it means to them. A copy of the rule was posted to the Amador Air District (AAD) site and can be accessed at <a href="https://www.amadorgov.org/services/amador-air-district/public-notice">https://www.amadorgov.org/services/amador-air-district/public-notice</a>. The Air District’s permitting engineer, Ray Kapahi, has reviewed the rule for accuracy.</p> <p>There were no public comments during the public hearing.</p> <p><b>Public Hearing Closed at 1:47pm</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> It was moved by Director Crew, seconded by Director Stimpson to officially close the public hearing. Vote 8-0</p> <p>It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Bragstad, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 21-02 and adopt Rule 428 – Emissions Statement and authorize the Air Pollution Control Officer to submit said rule to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for subsequent submittal to EPA pursuant to Title I of the Federal Clean Air Act and for incorporation into the District’s Infrastructure State Implementation Program (SIP). Vote 8-0</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White</p> |
| <b>4.</b> | <p><b>Amador City – Electric Vehicle Charging Station: Action</b><br/>APCO Perry explained that in 2018 AAD created a grant pilot program offering \$5000.00 to install electric vehicle charging stations in each of the five incorporated cities in Amador County. At the time, only Amador City committed to installing one and has been working diligently towards accomplishing this.</p> <p>Bruce Smith from Amador City spoke about their current situation and how they are working with Breakeven Brewers who are establishing themselves in Amador City and are navigating through their electrical needs.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Motion:</b></p>                  | <p>Since they are already working with PG&amp;E and an electrical contractor to spec out the costs and enhancements they need, Amador City Officials are working to see if they can have the EV chargers installed at Breakeven Brewers location. Amador City is requesting the Board to consider increasing their grant amount to \$10,000. This would help off-set some of the costs for the Brewers and allow for the city to not pay the electric. As well Amador City is evaluating having a two vehicle charging station as opposed to a single one.</p> <p>No formal motion was made. AAD staff was directed to work on the budget to determine if increasing the grant amount for each participant would be viable and bring back to the next Board meeting.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White</p>   |
| <p><b>5.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> | <p><b>Vicini Brothers, LLC Loan: Action</b><br/>APCO Perry explained that since the last Board meeting in January, the Ad Hoc Committee, APCO Perry, and County Council, Glenn Spitzer have had a couple of meetings to discuss this loan. Based on information gathered from Kathy Vicini and Paul Molinelli Jr. (Vicini and ACES Waste Services, respectively), members of the Ad Hoc Committee have concerns that if this loan is not forgiven in its full amount the Vicini Brothers, LLC may potentially go out of business.</p> <p>Vicini sent a letter to the AAD stating that they have struggled with other Agencies demands and without some kind of grant funding to help cover the cost of the grinder they may not be able to continue operations.</p> <p>Paul Molinelli, Jr. approached the Board and explained that the services the Vicini’s provide to Amador County residents is a great benefit. If the Vicini’s were no longer in business, County residents would have to pay much more money to dispose of their green waste. The profits/benefits of forgiving the loan go straight to the tax payers/residents of Amador and not to the Air District.</p> <p>It was moved by Director Brown, seconded by Director Oneto, and carried to forgive the original loan in the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to Vicini as long as they stay in business for the next three (3) years. A percentage each year for three years (1/3 of the loan will be taken off each year VICINI Green Waste Recycling Facility is in business) and no payments will be required during that time. Vote: 7-1</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White<br/><b>Nay:</b> Director Bragstad</p> |
| <p><b>6.</b></p>                       | <p><b>APCO Updates:</b> Information only, no action to be taken.</p> <p><b>Smoke Reduction Bin Program:</b> Our Neighborhood Bin Program and the Free Disposal Days at the Pine Grove Transfer Station will be starting up in the month of</p>   |

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|                        | <p>May. AAD staff has also been looking into setting up a bin at the Wood Angels location.</p> <p><b>Financials:</b> APCO Perry presented the Board with current financial sheets. Informational purpose only. APCO Perry informed the Board that Chair Axe and herself started meeting monthly to discuss Air District financials as suggested at our January meeting.</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Directors Forster and White</p> |
| <b>Correspondence:</b> | None  |
| <b>Adjournment:</b>    | At 2:45pm the meeting was adjourned until May 18, 2021 at 1:30 pm   |